

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

We, David P. Tremblay, residing in Billerica, Massachusetts, USA, and Karen A. Tremblay, residing in Billerica, Massachusetts, USA, declare that we are citizens of the United States of America and that we believe we are the original and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Apparatus and Method for Assisting with the Removal and Replacement of Brake Drums


the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

There is no foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

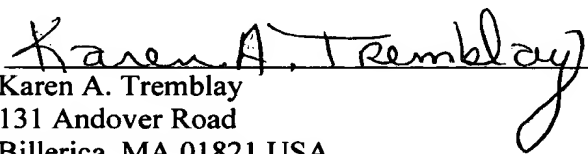
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) -- INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that we qualify as independent inventors as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **Apparatus and Method for Assisting with the Removal and Replacement of Brake Drums** described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith
☐ application serial no. _____, filed _____
☐ patent no. _____, issued _____

We have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which we have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below*

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☐ INDIVIDUALS ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

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